

LOOKING 'EM OVER

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Already Signs Are Being Seen

With the big leaguers working out but a week, already certain definite signs are being seen by skilled observers. War correspondents in at least two camps have written what they think of things thus far. The preliminary squad at Tampa has not impressed one war correspondent, and the same goes for the Mackmen now at Lake Charles, La.

"Although the youngsters appear to be up to the standard, no Harris, Judge or Rice is in their midst. Eddie Goebel is taking things along easily and may be the 'ace' in the woodpile, while his collegiate roommate, Albert Eschmann, looks good for a collegian, but this test is only of the preliminary kind. It remains to be seen what the crew can do under fire of fast balls, hops and curves. Tommy McHugh has every line of a big leaguer. Although the youngsters are impressive, it does not appear that any are eligible for berths under the big tent this season," writes John A. Dugan, an old-time baseball writer in his morning paper nest door. John is no special pessimist, either, from our experience. It's simply that the gang now at Tampa isn't such a much.

"Tiny" Maxwell, sports editor of the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, and one of the best in the land, too, visits Connie Mack's camp at Lake Charles, La., and then tells the folks at home not to enthuse too much. "The trouble with the A's, as I see it in the training camp," writes "Tiny," "is the lack of pep and aggressiveness. The players do not act as if they were playing the game because they liked it. Instead they remind one of a lot of schoolboys in a classroom laboriously trying to learn their lessons and making a hard job of it. From a psychological viewpoint the team is all shot. If a few roughnecks could join and stir things up conditions would improve. The players still are suffering from the defeats of the last six years. They have struggled to their feet, but are hanging on the ropes, waiting for another wallop to knock them for a goal. If they could forget the past and step out like real fighters there will be a different story to tell, with optimism running through every line. Connie Mack knows this, and is doing great work in trying to change the attitude of his players. With Harry Davis he is attempting to put some pep and ginger into the daily practices, and although it is slow work he stands a good chance of getting results."

Now let's ponder these words written, in the one case, by a Washington correspondent, and in the other, a Philadelphia one. Of course, their conclusions are different, being based on different premises. Dugan, you will note, said nothing about the pep in the Tampa squad. Maxwell talked of that as the principal thing missing in the team. No ball club can hope to win a pennant, or even be up in the race, in the big leagues unless it has a certain required pep and aggressiveness. Personally, our one adverse criticism of Eddie Foster, the Washington third baseman for several years, was his lack of aggressiveness on the field. He was what is known as a "sleeper." His opposite is seen in Hank Shanks or Ray Morgan, both of whom played on the same team with him. Unless he overlooked that, Dugan found pep among the young Griffis at

PENNANT-WINNING GIANTS OF 1911 HAVE ALL FADED AWAY

By DAMON RUNYON.

John J. McGraw won a world's championship in 1905, and in 1916 he had a ball club that won twenty-six consecutive games, establishing a record.

But of all McGraw's many clubs it is probable that the one which stands first in his affections and which was certainly first in the affections of the New York fans of the past decade, was the club of 1911.

This was substantially the same club that won three pennants in a row, 1911, 1912, and 1913, although in the last year the personnel had been materially changed. It was the club that played, in 1912, the greatest world series the game has ever known, only to be finally beaten by the Boston Red Sox.

Yesterday the purchase of Arthur Wilson, "Ole, the Swiss Grenadier," by the Columbus club from Boston, of the National League, marked the passing of one of the last of the Giants of 1911.

MENTAL TO MINORS.

During the winter Fred Merkle was sold by the Chicago Cubs to the Rochester club of the International League. Larry Doyle goes to Toronto of the same league, and so does more. Thus the team that were mere boys in 1911 faded from big league view.

McGraw started the season of 1911 with an aggregation that was not regarded as a formidable pennant contender. He had, besides the old Doyle, second; Bridwell, short; Devin, third; and Snodgrass, Devoe and Jack Murray in his outfield.

His pitchers were the great Mathewson, Leon Ames, George Wiltse, "Bugs" Raymond, Otis Cranford, and Rube Marquard, then chiefly distinguished as the "\$11,000 Lemon."

Soon after the Giants opened the season at the Polo grounds, the old meadow caught fire and were completely destroyed. The club moved up to the Hilltop grounds of the Yankees, then located at One Hundred and Sixty-fifth and Broadway.

DEVIL'S LEGS PAILED.

There on the hard field of the Yanks, Devin's legs went bad, and Bridwell bogged down. The case of the Giants seemed more hopeless than ever, but McGraw suddenly ordered the deal that brought Charley Herzog back to the club from Boston.

Arthur Fletcher, who had been playing third, alternating with Doyle, was shifted to the short field where he remained for years afterward and Herzog was established at third. This gave McGraw one of the youngest clubs from top bottom that ever won a pennant.

Merkle, Doyle, Fletcher, Herzog, Murray, Devoe and Snodgrass were all kids. Behind the bat was the comparative youngster Chief Meyers, after sticking longer than any of his associates in the big leagues; Snodgrass is in business in California; Doyle is in business in Elmiria; Devoe manages the Grand Rapids club.

Meyers is out on the Pacific Coast; Cranford is pitching in the Coast League; Herzog has just been released by the Chicago Cubs and is not located in baseball; Beals Becker, one of the substitute outfielders of 1911, has just announced a come-back

IT MAY GET HERE YET

Some time at some place in the dim future two old men with long white beards will hobble to a billiard table, squint through their glasses, and try to hit the ivory balls.

It will be William Hoppe and Edouard Horemans. They will be playing that famous match first mentioned in 1920.

HOOPER WILL PLAY WITH CHICAGOANS

Boston's Veteran Outfielder Is Traded for Liebold and John Collins.

BOSTON, March 5.—With the departure of Hughie Duffy and his Red Sox party today, bound for Hot Springs, Ark., comes the announcement to the fans that their last hero, Harry Hooper, will be with them no more. He has been traded to the Chicago White Sox for Nemo Liebold and John Collins.

Hooper has yet to sign a contract, having demanded a considerable increase in the figures tendered him by the club. There is no certainty that he will play ball after this season, anyway, being in business in California during the off-season.

The passing of Hooper marks the complete breaking up of the world champions of 1912, and there is much dissatisfaction among the fans here. Harry Frazee is not the most popular man in New England today.

MENDELL ROLLS 183 GAME IN ICE CREAM LEAGUE

Jay Mendell rolled one of the highest scores ever contributed in Harry Armiger's Ice Cream League when he turned in a game of 183 last night.

The league derives its name from the fact that the members are very particular as to their dress, always appearing in white-flannel trousers and white canvas shoes.

Mendell got strikes in the first, fourth and fifth games and spaced in the second, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth boxes. His boxes scored as follows: 20, 38, 48, 75, 95, 113, 130, 148, 164 and 183.

No Spring Practice.

Johnny Heisman has decided to have no spring football practice at Pennsylvania this year. Fall drills will begin September 5.

Penny Ante "Another Christian Born" By Jean Knott



GRIFTS ANNOUNCES LINE-UP FOR PHILS

Best of Pitching to Be Accorded Team That Goes to Play at Gainesville.

BLUE RIBBON DOGS TO BE EXHIBITED

Wardman Park Hotel Will Stage Boston Terrier Club's Bench Show.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEAMS START OFF IN EARNEST OUT OF DOORS ON MONDAY.

George Washington University is sending a swimming team today to Lexington, Va., to compete in a dual meet with the Washington and Lee University tankers.

YALE'S GRIDIRON STAFF ANNOUNCED FOR JONES

NEW HAVEN, March 5.—The Yale football coaching staff which is to assist Head Coach T. A. D. Jones during the 1921 season, was announced here today by Louis E. Stoddard, chairman of the Yale graduate football committee.

GEORGETOWN IS WINNER OF S. A. I. A. A. EVENTS

Georgetown University athletes are credited with winning 56 1/2 points in the Hopkins and Catholic University meets in the South Atlantic events.

PHILADELPHIA VISITORS LOSE TO ROAMER QUINT

The Highland A. C., which motored down from Philadelphia yesterday, was defeated by the Roamer A. C. by 28 to 12 last night.

SEVENTY MEN REPORT.

Seventy candidates for the Princeton football eleven have reported for spring practice. Only the lightest kind of work is being done, particular attention being devoted to theories of football.

EPIPHANY COMETS MEET ALOYSIUS CLUB PLAYERS

The Aloysius Club will play the fast Epiphany Comets team tonight at 8:00 p. m. at the Gonzaga gym.

THE OTHER ANGLE

"Loolix" Mahony Elected.

By KIRK MILLER

MOOSE FACTORY, Labrador, then took a vote among himself. "Foolish" was the unanimous choice. There was not a dissenting chirp from any of the plebs.

On the first day the grounds were frozen. The second day the team had a hangerover from idling on the first day. The third twist of the hour sand the weather was too bad to play outdoors and on the fourth stroke of the one o'clock the weather was too good.

Today the weather is neither good nor bad nor indifferent, so Manager Skillet Finn was afraid to risk the tender muscles of his athletes in such inclement weather. Consequently he spent the time cutting his own hair and called it a union day.

An accident today overtook the three-star first baseman, Riley Grannon, which threatens the prospects of the Igloo for winning the championship.

Indoor form that he won his laurels as there hasn't yet been any outdoor workouts.

"Foolish" was originally a cartoonist. That was back in civilization. His caricatures on important public questions were so forceful and to the point that the chief of police had to order a body guard in order to make Mahony's life safe for democracy and Mrs. Mahony.

He wielded a wicked pen, in fact so wicked that his own life was endangered. Then he took up plumbing. After plumbing in all of the largest cities south of the Mason-Dixon line, he decided that he was wasting his talents on the prohibition air.

When he learned that Skillet Finn was bringing his team of dog sleds and baseball players to Moose Factory, he decided to shape-up for the season, he applied the Skillet for the job of snow shoveler.

Skillet compromised and made "Foolish" the official bat boy of the organization. When he wasn't carrying bats, he was carrying water to the famished members of the Igloo baseball bandits.

The manner in which he manipulated the chasers and his police in handling the bat boy won for him his dissonant position as second baseman and he will have to live it down the best way he can. May he never see the back of his neck!

FEW CHANGES ARE EXPECTED IN FOOTBALL RULES FOR '21

By TOM THORP.

The members of the intercollegiate football rules committee will have plenty of suggestions to consider when they meet in their annual convention at the Hotel Baltimore, New York, today. It is not likely that any great number of the suggestions for changes in the playing code will be given more than passing notice. Some are altogether too radical to be thought of.

No doubt the valuable suggestion made by Percy Vaughan, the Harvard player, to make the line of scrimmage a free ball will be given thorough consideration. The sage of Cambridge is a deep student of the game. The fact that he has retired from the coaching line is proof that he has no selfish interest in bringing about any change. His suggestion has the support of such able football experts as Bill Roper and Keene Fitzpatrick of Princeton; Frank J. O'Neill, of Columbia; Chick Meehan, of Syracuse, and a host of other equally prominent gridiron men.

When the ball has been passed behind the line of scrimmage, the forward pass, he looks around for some way to sidestep the rule forbidding him to deliberately throw the ball to the ground. Only a poor player would make a deliberate attempt to violate a rule.

As it is under the present system an incomplete forward pass anywhere on the field results in the loss of a yard, many are of the opinion that the complete forward pass, about the scrimmage line is a free ball, it would help to clear up a disputed point among leading football authorities.

ONE RADICAL PLAN.

The suggestion to change the duration of the game from four periods of equal time to two periods of unequal number of plays is not likely to be given serious thought by the rule makers. While there are some coaches who favor this change, the great majority are opposed to it. It is too radical a departure from the beaten path to be adopted at this time. It may be that at some future date this change will be made. As it is at present, too few gridiron authorities favor it.

A plan to do away with the goal after touchdown is going to come in for considerable discussion. The change in regard to this play may be the most radical of all. The condition of affairs that many football critics had hoped it would. For this reason another attempt to have the goal after touchdown done away with is to be made. The rules committee is going to listen with open minds to the discussions.

MAY BAN "CUTTING DOWN."

The "cutting down from the rear," as well as "cutting down after play has been taken up" are other plays that are sure to take up much time in discussion. Last season at a meeting of the Central Board of Officials it was agreed upon to rule out all cutting down from the rear under a

Akron a Failure.

Though Akron had a collection of stars in the Intercollegiate football season, the team finished fourth and the stockholders had to dig into their socks. Now the franchise has been sold to Newark and the Rubber City knows better than to meddle with something so hot as football. There was a huge failure in Akron last year.

Yale Star Signs.

Frank Talcott, Yale's star varsity fliker in 1918, has signed with the Boston Red Sox and will have a trial at Hot Springs, Ark. At Yale he was a wonderful record, but shrewd observers said he lacked speed enough for fast company.